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### "The British Columbia Tariff!"

EDITOR BRITISH COLONIST.—Look at this Tariff, but especially at the list of taxes which it imposes upon those materials which acquire their chief value by the operations of skill and labor. Pass over for the present the duties levied upon the prime necessities of life; and can you say other of this portion of finance than that it is a device against industry; for by it not only is labor impeded and thrown out of full demand, but the sale of our own products, which would form payments for foreign supplies, is checked also. Add to this view the further consideration, that in the same ratio as "the Tariff" hinders the consumption of useful materials and obstructs labor, it at the very same time, and by the same means, raises the price of food and increases the cost of articles which are absolutely necessary for the subsistence of the poor, and you will doubtless urge that the same ingenuity which devised taxes against the true and essential means of financial supply, namely, taxes on labor and industry, ought to employ itself now upon the means of reparation and speedy redress.

It is urged by the supporters of the "British Columbia Tariff" that to alter it would be dangerous, and to reduce it would be inconsistent with the obligation of the Government to keep faith with the public creditors, who from a great distance have generously lent their money upon the mortgage of Colonial taxes.

Now the Government is quite as deeply pledged to protect the interests of the laborious and industrious colonists as it is to repay the sums borrowed; indeed if a comparison of claims could be made, the demands of industry would be paramount over those of the mortgagees, for the capitalists have lent their money *only*, while the colonists have entrusted not only their savings but their whole property, lives, and liberties, to the protecting power of British institutions in this Colony.

But we have no occasion to compare lesser with higher obligations now. And it is no way of meeting the difficulty of unequal taxation by alleging the difficulty of making any reduction of taxation without also lessening the means of keeping public faith.

Such an allegation has amused theorists and may amuse them still; but we have the example of England (worth a thousand theories) showing practically that *reduction of taxation increases the public wealth* and thus validates public securities. And the same example has also made plain that by the substitution in the place of an oppressive tariff, of a tax of equivalent amount on income and property, the burdens of rich and poor have relatively been equalized. Let the same course be followed here, but followed by a careful and gradual commutation of objectionable taxes by a substitution of taxes upon property and income for that portion of "the British Columbia Tariff," which, called by its appropriate name, is the labor and industry tax, and we shall see the burden of the interest on loans to the Colony shifted by degrees upon that property, for the protection of which the debt was incurred. For it is to be hoped that the Council of the Colony will at last see that it is contrary to the principles of justice to force labor to pay interest upon a debt which never was contracted, never could be contracted by labor.

The "Tariff" takes off a large proportion of the profits of productive labor, and prevents the accumulation of surplus profits, or in other words, of active capital in the hands of artisans and laborers, which, by its employment would increase the value of fixed property and therefore increase its ability to bear its own burden and to sustain public faith.

The Tariff system which checks labor, lessens the means of Government to fulfil its obligations.

Let fixed property, not industry, bear the burdens of fixed property, and let the strug-

gle poor be delivered by a just distribution upon rich and poor, of the public burdens; by this means agricultural and commercial progress will be facilitated and all branches of industry will be improved, for it is an incontrovertible fact that improvements have always been hindered, and often wholly stopped, in those branches of productive labor where the Revenue Officer has interfered.

Let not the lessons of history be disregarded here which teach that when industry and poverty are too much pressed by necessity a wedge is formed which no frame of society can resist.

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**THE BRITISH COLONIST.**

Wednesday Morning, Dec. 16, 1868.

**TO ADVERTISERS.**

Transient Advertisements must be paid for in advance to insure insertion.

**TO AGENTS.**

Settlements of accounts will be required monthly, or the supply or papers will be discontinued. The daily and weekly issues will be furnished at the lowest cash rates and no exception will in future be made to this rule.

For Interesting Reading Matter see 1<sup>st</sup> page

The telegraphic despatches recently published on the subject of the Alabama Claims afford little room for an indulgence of the hope that a settlement of those difficulties is near. For some weeks prior to the late British elections the public were given to understand that a final agreement had been arrived at between Lord Stanley and Mr. Reverdy Johnson, the new American Minister. The Press daily contained reports of speeches of both the noble Lord and Mr. Johnson, breathing the most amicable spirit; the London *Times*—generally pretty good authority—announced that “the Alabama difficulty was as good as settled”; the *Globe*, upon what purported to be semi-official announcement, stated that “Mr. Johnson held a *carte blanche* for the settlement of all differences between his Government and that of Great Britain”; and the *Pall Mall Gazette* gave so glowing an account of the progress the negotiations were making that the world was led into the belief that the Millennium had arrived at last,—that the lion and the lamb had consented to lie down together—the only obstacle to their immediately assuming a recumbent position being a question of etiquette. Well, after all the dinners and speeches, *Times*’ statements, and semi-official vapors, it has transpired that Mr. Johnson possessed no powers not usually accorded diplomatic agents. He signed a protocol submitting to arbitration all claims of citizens of each country against the other, subject to the approval of his Government. This approval, we read in an abstract of the President’s speech (published this morning), has been withheld, the terms of the protocol being deemed unfavorable to American interests, and the public prints of the United States are denouncing Mr. Johnson as being too pacific and conciliatory in his tone, and too much disposed to give Lord Stanley his own way. They further denounce their Minister bitterly for attending a banquet at Liverpool, at which the member for Birkenhead (Mr. Laird) the builder of the Alabama and other Confederate war-vessels, whose depredations gave origin to all the ill feeling between the two nations, and were the cause of the very difficulty which Mr. Johnson was sent over to arrange. Great stress is laid on the fact that Mr. Johnson “shook hands” with Mr. Laird on the occasion, and it is suddenly remembered that during the civil war Mr. Johnson represented in Congress a Slave State; that he was a peace man and favored a peaceful dissolution of the Union; that he has consistently supported the President of the United States in his schemes to thwart the Radical and dominant party. All these reminiscences weigh against the Minister, and are quoted as reasons why he should naturally regard the depredations of the Alabama as of a less heinous character than if he had been an earnest supporter of the war against the South. I England, as in America, objections have been raised to the basis of agreement. Liverpool shipowners, whose vessels were seized and confiscated by American Prize Courts, assert that they were unjustly treated thereby, and condemn the protocol as unfavorable to their interests, because it distinctly states that such cases shall not be reopened by the Commission; they are taking steps to prevent the ratification of the agreement. And so the “vex’t question” appears as far from settlement as before Mr. Johnson crossed the Atlantic. That it will have at least to abide in the American Cabinet as well as in the British Ministry before the negotiations are finally closed seems evident. Whether it will be then susceptible to an amicable settlement will depend much upon the policy of the President elect, who may prefer a “little unpleasantness” with the mother country to an arrangement that would deprive him of an opportunity to further distinguish himself as a warrior.

**THEN AND NOW.**—Before the war the Southern people did a yearly business with their great customer, the North, amounting to four hundred and sixty-three million. That customer is now nearly ruined. It then furnished \$24,500,000 in shipping freights, against \$3,500,000 furnished by the North, or six-sevenths of the national maritime freights. Abolitionism has destroyed this wealth to the North. Is it any wonder that Great Britain is the mistress of the seas?—American paper.

**New Advertisements.****EXPRESS.**

**THE EXPRESS FOR CARIBOO PER**  
“Enterprise,” will close this evening, at 8 o’clock.  
JNO. HENDERSON,  
Agent  
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**CAUTION.**

I FEEL IT MY DUTY TO WARN THE Public before it is too late, that those who wish to economize, will do well by buying their OUTHOUSES REINFORCED and made water-tight. Now, either buy them in their unlucky condition, in which the last bad weather will have them, or it is best to make a good appearance when it can be done cheaply. Ladies Riding Habits, Cloaks and Shawls well Cleaned and Pressed. All kinds of Gentlemen’s Clothing made to appear as good as new. T. W. PIERRE Tailor and Dyer, Yates street, Victoria, next door to Wells, Fargo & Co.

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Cords of Dry Wood.  
BY R. BRODRICK,  
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A MAID, AND TO ASSIST IN  
taking care of a Child.  
Apply to  
MRS MARVIN,  
Hundred Street.  
Dec 14th, 1868.  
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**MUNICIPAL NOTICE.**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT  
all persons found depositing Coal, Oil, Planks, &c.,  
on the Shdwalks within the City limits, or otherwise ob-  
structing said Shdwalks, will be prosecuted against under  
the Municipal Ordinance on nuisances in such cases made  
and provided.

By order of the Street Committee,  
WILLIAM LEIGH,  
Clerk to the Municipal Council,  
City Council Chambers, Broad street,  
Dec 14th, 1868.  
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**CHRISTMAS****AND**  
**New Year’s Gifts.**

The undersigned desires to inform the Public that he has lately received a Large Assortment of Goods,

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CHAINS,  
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Also, a great variety of FANCY ARTICLES, ALL SUITABLE FOR CHRISTMAS GIFTS.

The whole of which will be sold

AT THE LOWEST PRICES.

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WM. G. JAMESON,  
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de11RAILS AND POSTS TO SPLIT, AT  
Croydon, V.D.

Apply on the Premises to A. J. TOLMIE, or in Town to

STAFFORD &amp; HICKIN, Butchers, Government Street.

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FOR SALE BY THE UNDERSIGNED.

One Russell’s 30 in. Separator, and Russell’s 10 horse Power and Jack, complete.

FINDLAY &amp; BURHAN.

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NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT  
a Special Petty Session of Her Majesty’s Justices of the Peace in and for the City of Victoria and Districts adjacent thereto, will be held at the Police Court, Victoria on Thursday, the 21st instant, at the hour of twelve, noon, for the purpose of granting Licences to such persons as may be desirous of selling Wine, Spirits, &c., by Wholesale and Retail, during the ensuing Half-year.

A. THORSTON,  
Clerk to the Bench of Magistrates,  
Police Court, Victoria, Dec. 11th, 1868.

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Notice to Carpenters and Builders

TIME UNDETERMINED FROM TIME TO TIME  
For Sale at the Lowest Market Price s. The timber  
will be delivered at Muir’s Mill, Sooke, or in this city, in  
large or small quantities, and of any dimensions re-  
quired.

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Ex “Spirit of the Age.”

LANGLEY &amp; CO.

Have received a full Assortment of

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The Choicest Parfumerie &amp;

Rigaud &amp; Co.’s Lubin

Vicars’ Flea Powder in Bellows, Blowers and Bowls.

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Trusses of the most Approved Styles.

Curling’s Cod Liver Oil.

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Also, a Large Assortment of

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**New Advertisements.****A Grand Concert**

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BY THE

**ST. JOHN’S CHORAL SOCIETY,**

ON THE EVENING OF

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22nd,**

In Aid of the BUILDING FUND of the ST. JOHN’S

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

Programmes and Particulars in a few days.  
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EX ACTIVE,

IN BOND OR DUTY PAID.

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400 qr sacks Salem Flour, Extra

400 sacks Choice Oats

300 sacks Seed Wheat

200 sacks Shorts

100 bxs Choice Apples.

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UNION &amp; CITY WHARVES.

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**Crushed Sugar**

200 Half Barrels.

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Taylor’s and Price’s Celebrated Can Candles, in 25 lb Boxes.

For Sale by

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Soap

English Brown, of Extra Quality, in 56 lb Boxes.

For Sale by

JANION, RHODES &amp; CO.

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Finest Scotch, in Tins.

For Sale by

JANION, RHODES &amp; CO.

Colman’s Mustard

J. &amp; J. Colman’s, Best quality, in ½ lb and 1 lb Tins.

For Sale by

JANION, RHODES &amp; CO.

Colman’s Starch

J. &amp; J. Colman’s English Starch.

For Sale by

JANION, RHODES &amp; CO.

Oilmen’s Stores

James, Jellies, Sauces, Fancy Biscuits, Pie Fruits, Currie Powder, Anchovies, Arrowroot, Fago, Tapica.

For Sale by

JANION, RHODES &amp; CO.

Hemp Carpeting

A few bales, just received, and

For Sale by

JANION, RHODES &amp; CO.

Grain and Coal Sacks

For Sale by

JANION, RHODES &amp; CO.

Manilla Cordage

Assorted Sizes.

For Sale by

JANION, RHODES &amp; CO.

Glassware

Of Superior Quality; Decanters, Carafes, Tumblers, Wine Glasses, &amp;c.

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JANION, RHODES &amp; CO.

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A Large Assortment of John Gosnell &amp; Co.’s Celebrated Perfumery—Concifing of Soaps, Essences, Lavender Waters, &amp;c., Brushes and Combs, Cherry Toile Paste, &amp;c.

For Sale by

JANION, RHODES &amp; CO.

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A GREAT VAULTY OF FANCY ARTICLES,

SUCH TOYS AS

Hearls, Candy-Boxes, &amp;c.; Sugar-Flowers, for Ornaments; French Boxes, Filled with Choice Sweets, for Presents.

An Unrivalled Assortment of Cakes, of the Best Material,

Constantly on Hand, and

Made to Order.

BALES, PARTIES, ETC

# THE BRITISH COLONIST.

Wednesday Morning, Dec. 16, 1868.  
PASSENGERS.

Per steamer ELIZA ANDERSON, from Puget Sound—  
Mrs Brown & 3 children, Mrs Hansell & 1 child, Mrs Cunningham, Miss O'Brien, Messrs Johnson, Louis, Orrison, John Swan, Brown, Stewart, Dr Gray, Townsend, Putnam, Peirce, Byron, Green, J. Britt, F. A. Wilson, and 5 others.

## CONSIGNMENTS.

Per steamer ELIZA ANDERSON from Puget Sound—  
J. R. Stewart, Levy, Capt. Robt. J. Jackson, Reynolds, Newton, A. Francis, J. Murray, Brown, J. Wallace,

## IMPORTS.

Per steamer ELIZA ANDERSON from Puget Sound—  
200 qr sks flour, 10 sks oysters, 9 qr beef, 8 mutton,  
1/2 ubi corn beef, 33 cattle, 3 calves, 7 bxs fruit, 1 lot  
furniture, 19 sks bran, 8 bals skuls.

## Auction Sales To-day.

J. A. McCREA.....Wharf street.....will sell, at 11 o'clock, Household Furniture, Laying Hens, Watch and Chain, Gunpowder, Etc., &c.

J. P. DAVIES & CO.....Wharf street.....will sell at 11 o'clock, at the Naval Yard, Esquimalt, Victualing Stores, &c.,

For Interesting Reading Matter see 1st page

TEA MEETING.—The Wesleysans of the city and friends generally, held their annual tea meeting last evening, at the St Nicholas Hall. The room was filled to repletion with ladies and gentlemen and a large number of younger ones—probably three hundred persons, all told. Everyone present appeared to enjoy the sociable gathering very much. The tea was a tea, upper and dinner, all combined, we might almost say, for the tables were most liberally filled with cold meats, fruits, cakes, tea and coffee, and were withal neatly laid out. To preside at each table were lady members of the congregation and to the ladies is to be attributed most of the success of the evening's gathering; the various denominations in town were represented by members, and all seemed to harmonize one with the other most cordially.

After the tables were pretty well cleared, the choir, with Mr Wilson presiding at the harmonium, gave some well chosen choruses;

quartettes were also given by some of the choir party—the pieces sung were rendered alternately with remarks from the Reverend pastor of the congregation Mr Russ, J. E. McMillan, Esq. (*Morning News*), Rev. Thos Somerville, of the Church of Scotland, who seemed to be a strong advocate of 'women's rights.' An article in the last number of the *Westminster Review* accords entirely with his views on the subject. Dr. Dickson and Mr A. R. Robertson also addressed the meeting. Other speakers announced were unavoidably absent.

AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT NAUTICAL EXPEDITION.—Two vessels, the Danube and the Frederick, left Trieste on the 17th Oct for the East, calling at Gibraltar and will touch at Cepe Town, Singapore, &c., where they will be joined by Dr. Seberzer, who has been furnished with letters of introduction to the East Indian kings, princes and emperors, foreign ministers and others, by Lord Stanley and other personages and English and German firms. The expedition is of a scientific and mercantile character, and is accompanied by savans, artists, and several notables of the Austrian Empire, including the commander of the man-of-war Kaiser, which so distinguished itself at the battle of Lissa fought with the Italians in the late war. The following ports and cities will also be visited: Bangkok, (Siam), Hong-kong and other Chinese cities, including Pekin, the capital of the empire, Jeddo, and in addition, several of the Japanese ports; thence to San Francisco, Central American and South American ports, and probably our own port. The various presents for foreign potentates and for exhibition together weigh 20,795 lbs, in 158 cases. The cost of the expedition for the first year is estimated at £60,000.

BRITISH INDIA.—The lecture of Bishop Hills' upon this subject on Monday night, was an able production, and well merits a more extended notice than we gave yesterday. British India, although supplying endless material for comprehensive thought and poetic description, is by no means an easy topic to deal with in one lecture, from the reason of its comprehensiveness. Her vast territory, wealth, commerce, productions, history, tradition, scenery, caste, down even to the superstitions of the different races, in one address, if it is to be made successful, requires either a copious or philosophic treatment. His Lordship succeeded in giving both, thus making his lecture equally interesting and instructive. The operations of the Oxyhydrogen lantern were also successful, and rendered most valuable assistance in illustrating the principal topics and scenes. Madame Blum was kind enough to preside at the piano, treating the company at intervals with a choice selection of music, which she played brilliantly. A general wish prevailed to have the lecture repeated at a time when the weather was more favorable.

AT A STANDSTILL.—The London *Times* of October 30th states that the negotiations for Reciprocity Treaty between the United States and Canada, have been brought to a standstill. The history of these negotiations is briefly this. Last year they were opened by Secretary Seward with the Government of Canada with a view to a new Reciprocity Treaty. After considerable diplomacy, a draught of a treaty was prepared, and a Canadian Commissioner to sign it was appointed and ready to start for Washington. It was subsequently found that, on account of the fishery question, it would be impossible to close the negotiations without the consent of the British Foreign office. The draught of the proposed treaty was accordingly sent to London, and recently orders from the Foreign office there stopped further pro-

FREIGHT POURING OVER THE SIERRA.—Vast quantities of freight are now pouring over the mountains, and are being forwarded to the front by the new locomotives. The Virginia City (Nev.) *Enterprise* has the following account of freight received at Reno last week: Monday, 150 tons; Tuesday, 200; Wednesday, 150; Thursday, 100; Friday, 150; Saturday, 275; Sunday, 250. Total, 1,275 tons. This amount of freight required for its transportation 127 cars. There is now stowed at Sacramento, awaiting transportation over the road, over 500 car loads of freight. Thus it will be seen that the Central Pacific is already rather a busy road.

ACCIDENTS.—Several severe accidents are reported in all parts of the town to those who have to be out during the dark nights prevailing. One person last evening fell from the side-walk on Douglas street, and dislocated his shoulder. On Yates street, near Mr. Bowman's, and down by St. John's church on Douglas street there are some very dangerous holes in the sidewalk which it is very difficult to avoid, even with a light. On Pandora street a broken fence lies on one sidewalk, and a lot of lumber on the other. While these irregularities are allowed, we are not surprised at having serious accidents to record.

NAVAL.—H. M. S. *Lifley* arrived at Aspinwall from England, on the 4th ult., with a large number of marines and sailors for the Pacific squadron. The complement for this station, expected to arrive by the Chanticleer, is now overdue. The coxswain of the Chanticleer was lately stabbed at Panama by a native soldier. A Jamaican was also run through by a native soldier at Aspinwall. They were intoxicated, it appears, and misunderstood the challenge of the natives speaking the Spanish language.

A PARAGRAPH in the Australian *News* furnishes an idea. Her Majesty, it seems, is about to confer the order of knighthood upon the Mayors of the principal cities of that colony. And if there, why not upon holders of the same office in British Columbia? There are but two Mayors in the Colony, and they are as deserving of the distinction as any of their Australian brethren Sir James Trimble! Sir En'y O'brook! the sound is eponymous. Let them be knighted!

MADAGASCAR.—A late paper states that gold has been found in the island, but the working of mines hitherto has been forbidden by the native rulers under the penalty of death. A religious crisis was likely to occur as Protestant missionaries are making much progress and have strong hold amongst the heads of the government. The people are in expectation of a movement which, according to them, is imminent, viz., a conversion en masse to the above creed.

PUGET SOUND RAILWAY.—From a gentleman who came over by the steamer Anderson yesterday, we are informed that the corps of surveyors have reached Monticello. They commenced at Fort Vancouver on the Columbia river, and it is supposed they will direct their course to the old Cowlitz crossing, which is generally considered the best site for bridge. This point once determined, the engineering difficulties of the line to any accessible part of Puget Sound, are considered to be overcome.

REVERDY JOHN-ON.—Some of the Puget Sound papers advocate public meetings for the purpose of expressing their opinion in respect to the conduct of the American Minister at the Court of St. James. They urge his recall, more especially as regards his humiliating course, as they allege, in the proposed settlement of the San Juan question. 'Our people,' says the *Enterprise*, 'too well know how absurd and impudent are the pretensions of England.' Wonder where the impudence lies?

A newspaper addressed to N. Cripps, Kingston Jamaica, Wash. Ter. via St. Thomas, was lately received at Puget Sound Post Office. It was a printed wrapper, hence there can be no mistaking the direction, as written wrappers are sometimes made to read in various ways. If more care were taken in this matter, more letters and papers would reach their destination, and there would be less complaint about negligent postmasters.

THE NEW YORK YOUNG MENS' CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION propose expending half a million dollars for the purchase of a lot and erection of a new building on the corner of Fourth Avenue and Twenty-third street, New York. Wm. E. Dodge laid the corner stone recently, and Rev. Stephen, H. Tyng, Jr., and other reverend gentlemen made speeches.

THE U.S. TELEGRAPH SYSTEM.—The telegraph system in the United States, as in England, it appears, will probably be placed under the control of the Government, and it will be brought before the attention of the next Congress. The tariff is too high to permit it to become the popular medium of intelligence.

POLICE COURT.—George Bowers, under remand for stealing \$170 from John Poston, was yesterday released upon his own recognizance, to appear if called upon, there being nothing positively proved against him at present.

SALE AT ESQUIMALT.—Parties wishing to attend the Admiralty sale at Esquimalt today, are requested to go over by the Johnson street Ferry, by which means they can then connect with Williams' buses leaving Everett's house, at 10 o'clock, sharp.

THE CONSTANTINE.—This steamer did not get away for San Francisco yesterday, owing to the weather.

FROM THE SOUND.—The steamer Eliza Anderson arrived from the Sound at 2 o'clock yesterday, having been detained at Port Townsend some hours beyond her usual time. She brought twenty-four passengers and a freight of live stock, flour, oysters, fruits, etc.

SHIPPING.—The Active arrived at Port Townsend on Saturday evening. The Ajax sailed from thence for San Francisco the previous evening—and the barkentine Victor sailed for Nanaimo the 13th inst.

FORT STEILACOOM.—The U.S. Government are about to offer for sale the late military depot of Fort Steilacoom, W. T. It is not intended to occupy the barracks with troops in future.

FOR VICTORIA.—The steamship *Confederation* leaves San Francisco to-morrow, Wednesday, Dec 16th, for Victoria, returning via Port Townsend.

COUNCIL DINNER.—His Excellency the Governor will entertain the members of the new Legislative Council at a dinner this evening.

NOR ARRIVED.—The steamer Sir James Douglass had not returned from the East coast last night. It is apprehended some accident causes the detention.

DEPARTURE.—The ship Bolivia will leave this morning for Valparaiso. We sincerely hope that Captain Shelly and his beautiful vessel will return speedily to our shores.

THE EARL OF DERBY.—The feeble health of the noble Earl is again a subject of deep regret. He has been suffering from an attack of gout in the hand.

FOR THE MAINLAND.—The steamer Enterprise will not leave for New Westminster until to-morrow morning (Thursday).

228 males and 106 females died in San Francisco during the month of October.

ANTI-DIVORCE is the name of the newest style, Gents' Neck Tie; these together with a Large Stock of Winter Clothing, Beaver Suits, Pants, Hats, Caps, Shaker and Oregon Underclothing, Boys' Suits, Shirts, Socks, &c., have just been opened out at ADAMS & BRAVEN'S New Clothing Store, Government street, which they are selling cheap, as usual.

## Electric Telegraph.

SPECIAL TO THE DAILY BRITISH COLONIST

## LAST NIGHT'S DESPATCHES.

### Europe.

LONDON, Dec 10.—The members of the new ministry had an audience with the Queen yesterday, and formally accepted their appointments. The Government officials announced are Wm. E. Forster, Vice-President of Board of Education; Grenfell Glynn, junior Lord of the Treasury; M. E. Grant Duff, Under Secretary for India; Hon. Wm. Monson, Under Secretary for the Home Department; Edward H. R. Huygessen, Under Secretary for the Home Department; John Arthur O'Farrell, Under Secretary for the Foreign Department.

The Times this morning has an editorial on the message of President Johnson, alluding to the Alabama negotiations. It says: The English Government has shown every desire to make arrangements, and it is difficult to believe that the President's Cabinet or hostile majorities in Congress will throw over the settlement arrived at after the negotiations.

LONDON, Dec 11.—The appointment of Earl Spencer as Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland is officially announced.

## DELAYED DISPATCHES.

### Eastern States.

CHICAGO, Dec 5.—The Times gives the following abstract of the President's Message, which will be sent to Congress to-day. The message covers the following points and conclusions:

1. That the Southern States remain prostrated; their industry and their resources cut off; a goodly portion of their population disfranchised; their Constitutional privilege of representation still denied, and most of them under military rule. The message commends the report of the Secretary of the Treasury, endorsing his views for a return to specie payments through reduced expenditures, revised taxation and gradual contraction of the paper circulation, with suggestions for legislation for one currency only; and that the national banks should have their powers restricted.

Our foreign relations are in favorable condition. Our negotiations with Great Britain on the Alabama claims have not reached a conclusion. Certain portions of the proposed protocol for arbitration are not approved by this Government, and have been returned to Minister Johnson. The arbitration between Paraguay and Brazil has been declined. The course of Paraguay is commented on, though there is an absence of official detail about the late outrage by Lopez. We have negotiated a new treaty for the protection of our naturalized citizens abroad. We have recognized the new provisional junta of Spain as a Government, but have received no accredited Minister from the same. Our affairs with Mexico are satisfactory. Arrangements for a mixed Commission to settle the claims of the United States against that country is in progress.

The President says the Government has failed so far in its negotiations for the purchase of naval stations in the West Indies, and learns the French are trying to get the Bay of Sonoma from the Dominican Government.

The official facts show enormous frauds on the revenue which must be crushed or the revenue will fail, and the nation will

become involved in ruin. The President calls for strong legislation and urges the repeal of the civil tenure act which he regards as a hindrance to the efficient administration of affairs.

He refers to the Indian troubles and the views of the peace commissioners, and officers. The military establishment expenditures will be largely increased on the plains. He favors the withdrawal of the troops from the Southern States and the reduction of the army.

WASHINGTON, Dec 7.—In the Senate, several bills were introduced, among them, one providing for the resumption of specie payments on July 4th.

Morrill, of Pennsylvania, introduced a resolution censuring the conduct of Revere Johnson and requesting the President to recall him.

Boutwell introduced a bill providing that all male citizens of the United States over 21 years of age, be entitled to vote for Presidential electors and representatives to Congress.

WASHINGTON, Dec 8.—Drake has introduced a bill that no vacancies in the rank of General, Lieutenant General, Admiral or Vice Admiral, be filled without the consent of Congress.

WASHINGTON, Dec 8.—A bill has been introduced and ordered printed, abolishing the franking privilege.

In the House, a bill was passed to increase the duty on imported copper.

The Speaker presented a communication enclosing resolutions of the Oregon Legislature, instructing their Senators in Congress to resign. After some discussion, the paper was read in full, after which a resolution was adopted, directing that the document be returned to the proper officers of both branches of the Oregon Legislature, the same being scandalous and impudent.

WASHINGTON, Dec 9.—Washington made a statement in behalf of the Committee on Appropriations that nothing would be gained by the House remaining in session over the holidays, for the majority of the members of the Committee would remain at Washington, and would attend to the business of making up various appropriation bills; he would therefore move that on Thursday next the House adjourn to January 5th. The President's message was received and read. Washington denounced the recommendation relative to the payment of the public debt, as plain and undisguised repudiation, and entered his protest against it. Schenck denounced the measure as the most gross shambles and infamous proposition to re-purchase the debt of the country ever put forward from any quarter. He said that portion of the message reflecting on the action of Congress was in terms similar to the arguments used by the Oregon Legislature, which cause had been returned to its authors. He trusted the House would not permit the message to be read, but would lay it on the table as not fit to be referred to a committee of the whole on the state of the Union. Several other members denounced the message in a similar vein, but finally the House ordered the message printed, 128 to 38.

VIENNA, Dec 5.—The Emperor has made Baron Beust the Austrian Prime Minister, a Count, in acknowledgement of his valuable services.

LONDON, Dec 6.—The Observer gives the following as the list of members of Gladstone's Cabinet: Lord High Chancellor, Sir Wm. Page Wood; President of Privy Council, Earl Kimberley; Lord of the Privy Seal, Earl Russell; Chancellor of the Exchequer, Robert Lowe; First Lord of the Admiralty, Mr. Childers; Foreign Secretary Henry A. Bruce; Secretary of War, Mr. Cardwell; Secretary for India, the Duke of Argyll; Colonial Secretary, the Earl of Granville; Secretary for Ireland, C. Fortescue; President of the Poor Law Board, Mr. Goschen; President of the Board of Trade, John Bright; Postmaster General, Earl Deccorby; Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, Charles Pelham Villiers; Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, Lord Spencer; Lord Chancellor of Ireland, Mr. T. O'Hagan.

Dispatches from Paris say that city is tranquil.

Letters from Buenos Ayres say that General Urquiza supports the administration of President Sarmento.

Dispatches from Constantinople state that the Sultana Porte, at the solicitation of Russia, continues diplomatic intercourse with Greece, but has sent the Greek Government an ultimatum which is supported with the great powers.

MADRID, Dec 6.—The newspapers urge concession of every liberal reform to Cuba and speedy settlement of the question of slavery, but they say Spanish honor demands the suppression at any cost of the insurrection which, it is declared, was incited and kept alive by American organizations.

The conditions of Sale may be seen, and all further particulars known on application at the Office of Robert Bishop, Solicitor for the Plaintiff and in the Estate of Mitchell, deceased, and Messrs. Drake, Jackson & Aikman, Solicitors for the Defendant, Bastion street, Victoria, Dated 5th December, 1868.

## Auction Sales.

# AUCTION

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Jules Robin & Co.'s, Tribot,	Soap, Best London Pale, in 60 lb boxes
Fils & Co.'s.	Pickles, Crosse & Blackwell's, pints
Rum, Fine Old Jamaica, in phns, high pf	Batty's
Demerara, in hhds & bbls do	Onions, Batty's White
Whisky, Camlachie, pure malt, blk & cs	Vinegar, Batty's Amber
Petrie's fine Highland	Slee Slee & Co.'s No. 24, in cks
Jopp's, Aberdeen	Robinson's Oatmeal, in 25 lb tins
Old Tom, Swaine, Boord & Co.'s, in case	do Patent Groats, 4 doz cases
and bulk	do Barley, 4 doz cases
Gin, in Red and Green cases, J. D. K. Z.	do Pearl Barley, 1 cwt casks
Ale, Bass', bottled by Byass	do Sago, Tapioca, St. Vincent,
Allsopp's, bottled by Byass & Friend	Arrowroot
Byass', Devenish	Capers, Olives, Sauce, Salad, Spices,
Porter, Byass', in qts and pts	Potted Meats, Tart Fruits, Jams
Byass' Brown Stout, in qts	and Jellies, in jars and glass-
Guinness' Stout, in qts and pts	bottles
Friend's Extra Dublin Stout, in	Sardines, in qr and hf tins]
qts and pts	Lea & Perrin's Worcester Sauce
Sherry, in bulk, Ronaldson's, different	"Stocker," "The" Sauce
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Port, do do do	Eleme Raisins
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Hennessy's do	China Matting
Bridges & Sons' do	Linseed Oil
Port, in case, Ronaldson's	Paints, Red, Black and Green
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Trimmings, Needles, Gloves,

Buttons, Thread, Assorted

Colors, &amp;c., &amp;c.

Suits, Pilot and Tweed

Felt Hats

Hosiery, Assorted Woollen and Cotton

White Shirts, Comforters, Black

Cloth, &amp;c., &amp;c.

Baltic Shirts, with and without Collars,

Boys' and Mens', a Large Assortment

Inverness Capes, Blue Pilot, Black

Beaver, Boys' and Mens'

Pilot Cloth Trowsers and Vests

Cotton and Begatta Shirts

Waistcoats, Black

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